

Remarks

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowance of claims 5 through 8. Applicant further requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 through 4 and 9 as being anticipated by Krebs, in view of the following comments.

Each of the rejected claims provides for at least one cam carrier having at least one cam on which at least two different cam travel paths are configured, means for axially displacing such cam carrier in relation to the cam shaft between first and second positions and the cam carrier being engageable with contact surfaces on the cylinder head when in the first and second positions. In this regard, it is submitted that the several embodiments disclosed in Krebs fail to disclose such structure. With respect to the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 2 of Krebs, it is to be noted there is provided a cam shaft 2, a cam 15 fixed on shaft 2, and axially displaceable cams 3, 3. Each of the displaceable cams, however, includes only a single cam travel path. Such embodiment essentially requires two separate cams, fixed cam 15 and one of axially displaceable cams 3 to provide two different cam paths. With respect to the embodiments shown in Figures 4 and 5 of Krebs, it will be noted that although such embodiments may provide for at least one axially displaceable cam carrier having two different cam travel paths, neither of such embodiments discloses such carrier member being engageable with contact surfaces of the cylinder head when in first and second axially displaced positions as recited in Applicant's claims.

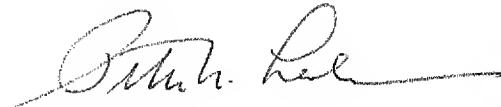
Newly submitted claim 10 similarly is distinguishable over any of the embodiments disclosed in Krebs. In this regard, it particularly is pointed out that such newly submitted claim provides not only for a distinguishable means for axially displacing the cam carrier but for additional means mounted on one of the shaft and cam carrier member and cooperative with the

other thereof for trippably retaining the cam carrier in one of the first and second positions. Clearly, Krebs neither discloses nor teaches any such structure.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 1 through 4 and 9 be withdrawn, such rejected claims and the newly submitted claim be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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